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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction among the monoclonal antibodies, hybridoma cells and test kit set forth in Claims 40-49, 51-54, 67, 68 and 72, the anti-idiotype antibody set forth in Claims 50 and 51, the recombinant protein set forth in Claims 55 and 56, the expression vector set forth in Claims 57-60, 65 and 66, the method of producing an antibody and hybridoma cell line set forth in Claims 61-64, the method of detecting disease specific prion protein or an antibody to the disease specific prion protein set forth in Claims 69-71, a method of therapy using a monoclonal antibody set forth in Claims 73, 74 and 76 and a method of therapy using a prion protein set forth in Claims 75 and 76, applicant elects Claims 40-49, 51-54, 67, 68 and 72 directed to the monoclonal antibodies, hybridoma cells and a test kit for further prosecution on merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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